

January and February 2019

Visually Impaired Program Newsletter

City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

Specialized Recreation & Inclusion Services

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The Visually Impaired Program is intended for individuals 18 and older with visual impairments, unless otherwise noted.

Program registration numbers will be reviewed 2 weeks in advance, with a final decision made 1 week in advance as to whether minimum registration #s have been met to determine whether there is sufficient registration to hold the program. This is consistent with other City programs and provides the opportunity for respectful and timely communication for participants, staff and program locations.

All participants must complete and sign a Participation Form before participating in any activity. These forms are valid for one year. Please be prepared to complete prior to event participation.

Program Information:

- Registration numbers for programs will be reviewed 2 weeks in advance, with a final decision made 1 week in advance as to whether minimum registration #s have been met. Some specific programs may have earlier registration deadlines, based on the specific program – please refer to the program description.
- Minimum registration numbers will vary by program.
- Single rate program fees will be advertised for all programs. Please refer to the description regarding the type of transportation included for the specific program.

Registration & Payments:

- Registration will not be accepted without payment. Participants should be prepared to make payment at the time of registration. If leaving a message to register, staff will expect payment to be remitted when returning call to confirm registration.
- Additional information regarding the City's Fee Assistance Program is available upon request.

Please reference the end of the newsletter for additional policies.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Mondays:

Darts at Five Points Center for Active Adults

January: 7, 14, 28	6:30pm – 8:15pm
Registration: \$12.00	Barcode: 231304
February: 4, 11, 18, 25	6:30pm – 8:15pm
Registration: \$16.00	Barcode: 231305

Come enjoy a competitive evening playing darts. You must register and pay for the entire month in order to participate, weekly registration not available. Meet at Five Points Center, 2000 Noble Rd, 27608; door to door transportation home.

Wednesdays:

Fun Bowl at Buffalo Lanes North

January: 9, 16, 23, 30	12:30pm – 2:30pm
Registration: \$4.00	Barcode: 231350
February: 6, 13, 20, 27	12:30pm – 2:30pm
Registration: \$4.00	Barcode: 231351

Each game costs \$1, up to 3 games, and you will need to pay the bowling alley in cash each day. Participants must be able to carry balls to and from the bowling lane and be able to bowl unassisted. One-on-one instruction is not provided. Pin spotters and rails are available. Weekly registration is not available. You must register for full month in order to participate. Registration closes one week prior to first date of monthly program. Meet at Buffalo Lanes North, 5900 Oak Forest Rd, 27616. No door to door transportation provided.

Bingo at Chavis Community Center

January 23

7:00pm - 8:45pm

Registration: \$4.00

Barcode: 231321

February 27

7:00pm - 8:45pm

Registration: \$4.00

Barcode: 231322

Ages: 14 and up. Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun and bingo. Braille and large print cards are available.

There will be no food or drink provided. Participants are welcome to bring or order food to be delivered to the program location. Food and delivery and eating should not interrupt the program. Meet at Chavis Community Center, 505 MLK Blvd, 27601; door to door transportation home.

Thursdays:

Trivia Night at Buffalo Brothers

January 17

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Registration: \$2.00

Barcode: 231354

February 21

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Registration: \$2.00

Barcode: 231355

Put on your thinking caps and join us for dinner, and a fun night of trivia! DJ Trivia will be hosting and trivia begins at 7:00pm. Please bring money for dinner. Meet at Buffalo Brothers, 3111 Capital Blvd, 27604; door to door transportation home.

Fridays:

Audio Book Club at the NC Library for the Blind

January 11

10:00am – 11:30am

February 8

10:00am – 11:30am

No cost; no transportation provided

If you are interested in joining the book club please contact Marlene Debo at (919)733-4376. The book group meets at NC Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, 1841 Capital Boulevard, 27635.

Outlaw Bowling at Buffalo Lanes North

The Outlaw program is the nation's largest and most consistent blind bowler league. Participation is governed by league by-laws and officers. Contact Sharon Benton, League President, at (919) 755-0700 for league information and transportation needs.

January Activities

Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, January 6

4:00pm-9:00pm

Registration: \$4.00

Barcode: 231325

Join us for dinner and a movie at Brier Creek. As new releases come out, we'll spend some time socializing, enjoying each other's company, and the current features of the month. Movie of choice can be selected within a pre-determined time frame. Must be ready for pickup at 2:00pm. Door to door transportation to program location and home.

Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 16

6:00pm-8:30pm

Registration: Free

Barcode: 236305

Bring your imagination, your ideas and yourself and join us for the first planning meeting session of 2019. We'll have pizza, snacks & drinks, and plan the next upcoming months of great, fun social club events! Meet at Jaycee Community Center, 2401 Wade Avenue, at 6:00pm; door to door transportation home.

African American Cultural Celebration

Saturday, January 26

1:00pm-4:00pm

Registration: \$15.00

Barcode: 236306

Join the statewide kickoff to Black History Month at the North Carolina Museum of History. The 18th annual African American Cultural celebration will feature more than 75 musicians, storytellers, dancers, chefs, historians, playwrights, authors, artists, reenactors, and more. Please bring money for items you would like to purchase. Please wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to navigate through crowds. One-on-one assistance is not provided. We will meet at Jaycee Community Center, 2405 Wade Avenue, at 1:00pm; door to door transportation home.

February Activities

NC Museum of Natural Sciences and Lunch

Saturday, February 9

12:00pm-3:30pm

Registration: \$15.00

Barcode: 236307

Join us for a guided tactile tour of the exhibits at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. The exhibits feature North Carolina's diverse and beautiful natural habitats and inhabitants. Highlights include great whales, a giant salamander of the Appalachian Mountains, and the "Terror

of the South” – Acro the Acrocanthosaurus! We will have lunch at Morgan Street Food Hall. Morgan Street Food Hall features local eateries and restaurants as well as local food retailers. Please bring money for your lunch. We will meet at Jaycee Community Center, 2405 Wade Avenue, at 12:00pm. Door to door transportation home.

The Music of Whitney Houston

Friday, February 15

7:15pm-10:15pm

Registration: \$50.00

Barcode: 236308

Join us for The Music of Whitney Houston at the NC Symphony. Whitney Houston was a diva of rare talent with a powerhouse voice that touched our hearts and souls. Vocal sensation Rashidra Scott will put on a show celebrating the Whitney songs you know and love. We will meet at Jaycee Community Center, 2405 Wade Avenue, at 7:15pm. Door to door transportation home.

Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Game

Tuesday, February 26

6:00pm-10:00pm

Registration: \$65.00

Barcode: 236309

Join us as we cheer on our Carolina Hurricanes as they take on the Los Angeles Kings! We will grab a bite to eat at the PNC Arena before our 7:00pm game. Please bring money for dinner and any souvenirs you wish to purchase. Our friends from Wildcat, Adventure and Dragon Social Club will join us. One-on-one assistance is not provided. We will meet at Jaycee Community Center, 2405 Wade Avenue, at 6:00pm; door to door transportation home.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU REGISTER.

Program Policies:

- Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for individuals ages 18 and older, who are blind or have various levels of vision impairment.
- Family members must register for events noted as FAMILY EVENT with the participating visually impaired family member. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. When registering, please be sure to identify family members and anyone under-age to the office staff. Programs fees still apply.
- The only way to secure your registration is by making payment to the City of Raleigh (checks, money orders or credit card accepted).
- Registration for programs will be reviewed 2 weeks in advance with a final determination 1 week in advance as to whether the program will run.
- Program cancellation notifications will be made via email (unless not available) to staff, participants, etc.
- Registration may be left on voicemail. Participants should be prepared to make payment when staff returns the call to confirm registration. Please clearly leave your name, the event and event date, whether or not you need transportation (if applicable), when/how to expect your payment and your contact information.
- Service animals are welcome in programs and on vehicles. Participants must notify the office at the time of

registration and no later than 1 week prior to the program date, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

- Program cancellations/withdrawals may be left on voicemail. However, we will follow the Refund Policy as noted below. Please clearly leave your name, the event and event date, the reason for your cancellation, and your contact information.
- All participants must complete and sign a Participation Form before participating in any activity. These forms are valid for one year.
- 1 on 1 assistance will not be provided for programs, unless noted otherwise in the program description. Travel programs will be staffed on a 1 staff/chaperone to 4 participant ratio, unless otherwise noted in the program description.
- Transportation will only be available for individuals ages 8+ or those who meet the 80lb. requirement for not needing a booster seat.
- When door to door to and from a program is available, we will pick up participants up to 2 hours before the scheduled event, based on the number of participants riding. Please be ready 2 hours prior to the program time. You will hear the driver blow the horn 3 times.
- Drivers are not authorized to leave the vehicle to assist participants. Program participants must be able to meet and load the vehicle independently.
- Drivers will only make stops predetermined by the office, except in emergency situations.
- Drivers may pick up or drop off participants at any location within the Raleigh city limits. (The location is not required to be a residence.) Please notify staff at the

time of registration. Last minute requests are not guaranteed.

- Program volunteers or personal assistants must be approved by office staff prior to attending programs. Additional paperwork may be required and may take up to 2 weeks for processing.
- All program participants must be able to participate and interact appropriately in a social setting.
- All participants riding City vehicles are required to wear seat belts while the vehicle is in motion, if they are available.
- No smoking on vehicles or City of Raleigh property, unless in designated smoking areas.
- Open food or drink is not allowed on the vehicle.
- No profanity will be allowed on the vehicle or at programs.
- Please refrain from wearing strong cologne or perfume to respect those with allergies.
- Only registered participants, staff and approved volunteers/personal assistants are authorized to ride transportation.

Refund Policy:

- 100% refund/credit/transfer if the department cancels a program, 100% credit or transfer of fees to another program at time of withdrawal or 85% refund based on total cost of program;
- Refund/credit/transfer requests received less than 14 days prior to the start date of a program will not be granted;

- Refunds for medical reasons requested prior to the start date of a program will be granted at 100%, subject to verification;
- A credit may be used by any family member on the same registration account;
- Non-attendance/non-participation in a program does not entitle a patron to a refund.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

The City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation or disability in employment opportunities or the provision of services, programs or activities. A participant alleging discrimination on the basis of any of the aforementioned areas may file a complaint with the Director of the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department or the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.